U.S. MISSION VIETNAM PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTION, EMBASSY HANOI

Announcement 2014 STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES INSTITUTE ON U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY POLICYMAKING

The U.S. Mission to Vietnam seeks suitable candidates to nominate for the 2014 Study of the United States Institutes (SUSI) program on U.S. National Security Policymaking. University-level faculty or national security professionals from institutions of higher education, or national security policymaking institutions, including national military academies, government ministries, and think-tanks who wish to apply for the programs are invited to complete the attached application form and send it to the Embassy's Public Affairs Section (PAS) by Monday, October 14, 2013.

Program Overview

Study of the United States Institute (SUSI) on U.S. National Security Policymaking is a rigorous post-graduate-level academic seminar with an integrated study tour that will provide a group of 18 scholars and professionals an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the foundations of U.S. national security policy and current threats facing the United States. The institute focuses on the formulation of U.S. foreign and national security policy and the role of the federal government, think-tanks, media, and public opinion in shaping that policy. The program will examine specific security issues such as twenty-first century defense requirements, counter terrorism strategies, energy security, economic stability, cyber-security, chemical and biological weapons, nuclear weapons and infectious diseases. The program will also focus on regional security concerns in Africa, Europe, South Asia, the Western Hemisphere, East Asia, and the Middle East. The program will be supplemented by a simulation exercise, a group project, and a study tour to another region of the United States.

Hosted by the Institute for Training and Development (ITD) in Amherst, Massachusetts, the program will take place over the course of six weeks, from March 7, 2014 to April 19, 2014. All participant costs, including: program administration, international and domestic travel and ground transportation, housing and subsistence, book, cultural, mailing and incidental allowances will be sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Prospective applicants are encouraged to visit our website page to obtain general information about the Institutes. The website address is: http://exchanges.state.gov/susi.

Candidate Qualifications

Eligible candidates for the SUSI on U.S. National Security Policymaking must:

- be between the ages of 30-50;
- be highly motivated and experienced university-level faculty or national security professionals, preferably those having graduate degrees and substantial knowledge of the thematic area of the institute;
- be an experienced professional with little or no prior experience in the U.S., whose home institution is seeking to introduce aspects of U.S. studies into its curricula; to enhance and update existing courses on the U.S.; to develop new courses in the subject of the institute;
- be comfortable with campus life and willing and able to fully take part in an intensive post-graduate level academic program and study tour; and
- have excellent command of English.

Application

Eligible candidates are invited to submit complete application form <u>online</u> no later than **5:00 PM, Monday, October 14, 2013.** Application form can be downloaded at http://photos.state.gov/libraries/vietnam/8621/pdf-forms/susi-scholars2014-appform.pdf.

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No exceptions will be made to the deadline.